

**NAPA RIVER, SALT MARSH RESTORATION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The 426 square mile Napa River Basin is located approximately 45 miles north of San Francisco, California, along the northern portion of San Francisco Bay. The Napa Salt Marsh wetlands originally encompassed 25,000 acres but agriculture and development have reduced this wetland to 36% of its former extent. In 1994, the Cargill Salt Company ceased production of salt and sold 9,850 acres of evaporator ponds and associated lands on the west side of the Napa River to the State of California. The land is currently managed by the California Department of Fish and Game (Fish and Game). The California Coastal Conservancy (CCC) and Fish and Game have identified the deterioration of pond levees, water quality and increasing pond salinities as increasing threats to migratory birds and the four endangered and threatened species inhabiting the project site. The CCC and Fish and Game are proposing that the Napa Salt Marsh Project be added to the Water Resources Development Act of 2004 in order to accelerate the construction schedule required for restoring the site. With this goal in mind, the San Francisco District expects to have a Chief's Report completed for the final Feasibility Report by June 2004.

<u>TOTAL FUNDING:</u>	<u>FEASIBILITY</u>	<u>PED</u>
TOTAL COST:	\$5,404,000	\$ 700,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$2,702,000	\$ 525,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 0	\$ 175,000
 TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY04:	 \$ 2,702,00	 \$ 30,000
FISCAL YEAR 05 BUDGET:	\$ 0	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 0	\$ 495,000

FY 04 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Complete Feasibility Study by Winter 2004, identifying the alternatives for restoration of this site. Chief's Report complete by June.

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: If funds, Pre-Construction, Engineering and Design.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: FY05 tasks are not funded in the President's current budget. This lack of funding will prevent issuing plans and specifications for desalination and restoration activities for lower ponds 3, 4, 5, 6 and 6A and desalination activities for upper ponds 7, 7A and 8. Ramifications of this study delay are not yet known but have the potential to be considerable.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson; 6th District, Rep. Lynne Woolsey; 7th District, Rep. George Miller; 8th District, Rep. Nancy Pelosi; 10th District, Rep. Ellen Tauscher

DISTRICT: San Francisco